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SUBJECT: Political Activity of CIA Personnel

1. This being a Presidential election year, all CIA personnel should bear in mind the provisions of the Hatch Act restricting political activity by employees of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

2. Under the Hatch Act, employees of this Agency may not

a. Use official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting its results.

b. Take an active part in political management or in a political campaign.

3. For guidance in a specific case, employees should consult the pamphlet prepared by the United States Civil Service Commission entitled, "Political Activity of Federal Officers and Employees", copies of which have been furnished to Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, and Office heads. If any employee is unable to find the answer to his specific question in this pamphlet, he should consult the Office of the General Counsel, [REDACTED], Extension 621.

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4. All personnel are reminded of the provisions of CIA [REDACTED] which requires the prior security clearance of publications or speeches.

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